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HIGH SCHOOLER MILES MORALES WAS BITTEN BY A STOLEN, GENETICALLY ALTERED SPIDER THAT GRANTS HIM INCREDIBLE ARACHNID-LIKE POWERS.

THIS IS A SECRET HE HAS SHARED ONLY WITH HIS BEST FRIEND GANKE AND HIS FATHER. THAT IS, UNTIL GANKE SPILLED MILES' SECRET, WITHOUT HIS PERMISSION, TO A NEW STUDENT AT SCHOOL, THE FAMOUS EX-X-MAN FABIO MEDINA, A.K.A. GOLDBALLS. IT DID NOT GO WELL.

MEANWHILE, TENSION IS BREWING WITHIN THE AVENGERS. A NEW INHUMAN, ULYSSES, CAN PREDICT THE FUTURE, BUT THE AVENGERS ARE TORN, AND SO IS MILES. TORN BETWEEN HIS LOYALTY TO TONY STARK AND HIS OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCES, AS WELL AS THOSE OF HIS FATHER.

TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, HE'S JUST LEARNED HE'S BEING SPIED ON...
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HI,
MILES.

DID SHE JUST
SAY MY REAL
NAME?

UM...

IT'S
OKAY TO
SAY HI BACK,
MILES.

SHE DID!!

SHE--SHE
JUST SAID
MY NAME!!

I--I AM
REALLY
NERVOUS
RIGHT
NOW.

WELL
YEAH,
SON.

BECAUSE TWO
OF THE BADASSIEST
BADASSES JUST
SHOWED UP AT YOUR
SCHOOL LOOKING
FOR YOU.

DON'T SAY
"ASSIST."

NO,
ACTUALLY
IT'S--IT'S
BECAUSE--

IT'S BECAUSE
WE KNOW WHO
YOU REALLY ARE.
WE KNOW YOUR
REAL NAME.

UM, WELL,
THAT'S NOT
MY NAME.

WERE--UM,
WERE YOU
LOOKING
FOR ME?

YOU'RE
THE ONE IN
THE SPIDER-MAN
COSTUME.

UM, I WAS,
UM, JUST
SWINGING BY.
HOW DID
YOU--?

LAME.

THEY KNOW
WHO YOU ARE.
YOU'RE IN SO
MUCH TROUBLE.

YEAH,
LET'S SKIP
THE YOU PRETEND
YOU'RE NOT WHO
YOU REALLY ARE
BIT AND I'LL SKIP
THE PRETENDING
IT MIGHT BE
WORKING BIT.

WHAT THIS
IS, KID, IS A
PROFESSIONAL
COURTESY.

DO YOU
KNOW WHO
I AM?



YEAH.

YOU--
YOU'RE
LUKE
CAGE.

GULP.



SEE? I
TOLD YOU THE
LITTLE BROTHERS
KNOW ME!

HE'S
A GREAT
AVENGER.

HE
KNOWS ALL
OF US.



UM,
ACTUALLY,
WHAT WAS
YOUR NAME
AGAIN?



YOU
SHUT IT.

NOT
GONNA SAY
A THING.

GODD.

I CAN
DO IT WITH
A LOOK.

IS--IS THIS
AN AVENGERS
THING?

BECAUSE THIS--
I HAVE TO SAY, I AM
REALLY UNCOMFORTABLE
WITH YOU JUST SHOWING
UP IN MY LIFE LIKE
THIS.

I CAN
IMAGINE.

NO. THIS IS,
AS MY HUSBAND
JUST SAID, A
PROFESSIONAL
COURTESY.

WHAT
DOES THAT
MEAN?



WELL, SEE--I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT HOW TO HANDLE THIS ALL WEEK.

I HAVE NEVER BEEN IN A POSITION LIKE THIS BEFORE.

AND THEN MY HUSBAND, HERE, CONVINCED ME TO JUST COME RIGHT OUT AND--



JUST--I NOW--JUST PLEASE, TELL ME...HOW DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.



THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU.

LAST WEEK I WAS HIRED TO FOLLOW YOU AROUND.

WHAT?????

UH, WHAT?

I WAS HIRED--

WHO--WHO ARE YOU?



MY NAME IS JESSICA JONES.

I AM A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR.

I WAS HIRED TO FOLLOW YOU AROUND, AND WITHIN TWO HOURS, I FOUND OUT WHO YOU ARE, YOUR SECRET IDENTITY, AND WHO AMONG YOUR FRIENDS KNOWS YOUR SECRET IDENTITY...



TWO HOURS!

I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR AND...BAM,

THERE YOU WERE, AND THERE YOU ARE.

WHO--WHO HIRED YOU?



THAT'S THE THING.

I'LL TELL YOU, BUT I'M REALLY GOING TO NEED SOME PROFESSIONAL COURTESY IN RETURN.



IN RETURN?

HOW IS COMING INTO MY WORLD LIKE THIS AND SCARING ME A PROFESSIONAL COURTESY?



SHE'S TELLING YOU SHE FOUND OUT YOUR SECRET IN FIVE SECONDS.

THAT MEANS YOU ARE TERRIBLE AT KEEPING YOUR SECRET.

SHE'S TELLING YOU ALL THIS SO, MAYBE, YOU CAN TRY AND TO BE BETTER AT BEING SPIDER-MAN.

SO IF, MAYBE, SOMEONE OUT THERE SOMEWHAT LESS PERSONABLE THAN MY DARLING WIFE HERE TRIES TO FIGURE OUT YOUR WHOLE DEAL...



...IT MIGHT TAKE THEM A BIT LONGER THAN TWO HOURS TO COMPLETELY DESTROY YOUR LIFE...

EVER.

OR, IMAGINE YOU BEING SO GOOD AT IT THAT NOBODY FINDS OUT.

THE COURTESY PART IS THAT SHE COULD RUIN YOUR LIFE AND SHE AIN'T.

NO, THE COURTESY PART IS I AM NOT TELLING THE PERSON WHO HIRED ME WHAT I FOUND OUT.



WHO HIRED YOU TO FOLLOW ME?



DO YOU APPRECIATE THAT I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE YOUR SECRET AWAY TO ANYONE?

YES, OF COURSE!

THEN YOU WILL, NO MATTER WHO I SAY HIRED ME. RETURN THE FAVOR!

UH, YES--YES.

YOUR GRANDMOTHER HIRED ME.



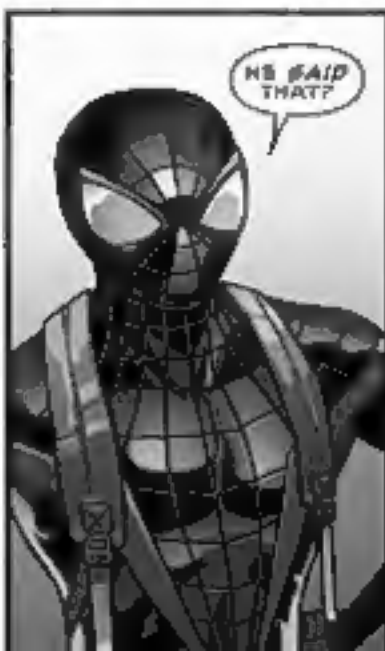
MAYBE HE DIDN'T HEAR YOU.

IT'S THE MASK.

(YOU EVER NOTICE HOW OFF-PUTTING IT IS IN AWKWARD TIMES LIKE THESE?)



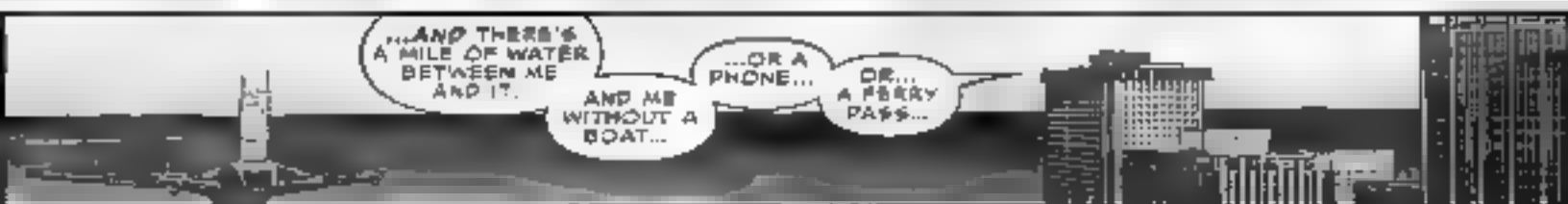
















IN THE
HOPE THAT
TONY IS PROVEN
RIGHT.

THAT THE
HULK IS NOWHERE
TO BE FOUND, AND
THAT BRUCE IS CURED,
AND THERE'S NOT EVEN
A HINT THAT THE
HULK COULD COME
BACK.

WAIT,
YOU'RE SAYING
YOU HOPE I'M
RIGHT?

I DO, IN
THE WORST
WAY.

BUT YOU
DON'T ACTUALLY
THINK I AM.

I DON'T.

IN THE
WORST
WAY.

WE INVITE
ALL OF YOU
HERE TO
JOIN US.

THIS IS A
VOLUNTEER
MISSION.

BUT, IN THE
SMALL CHANCE
THAT THE HULK DOES
MAKE AN APPEARANCE,
WE WILL NEED
YOU...

BATTING
AGAINST THE
HULK, IN ANY OF
HIS VARIOUS
STATES, IS--

SCARY.

SCARY,
TERRIFYING, AND
EMOTIONALLY DRAINING,
BECAUSE YOU KNOW
THERE IS A CERTIFIED
GENIUS TRAPPED INSIDE
THAT MONSTER.

AND YOU
KNOW HE'S A
GOOD MAN WHO
MADE ONE BIG
MISTAKE.

WELL, TO
BE FAIR, HE'S
MADE MORE THAN
ONE MISTAKE--

I'M FOCUSING
ON THE BIG ONE
WHERE HE KAN IN
FRONT OF AN
UNTESTED GAMMA
BOMB.

I
KNOW.

AND
TURNED INTO
THE HULK.

I GET
IT.

WHERE HE
HAS BEEN TRAFFED
LIVING A DUAL LIFE
OF A MAN AND A
MONSTER.

YEAH.

YOU
KNOW, AS
THE HULK.

: SET
IT.

(SO
AWKWARD.)



ONE HOUR LATER.

WE'RE
SUPPOSED TO BE
GUARDING! WE'RE
SUPPOSED TO BE
PROTECTING!

DEFENDING!
AVENGING!

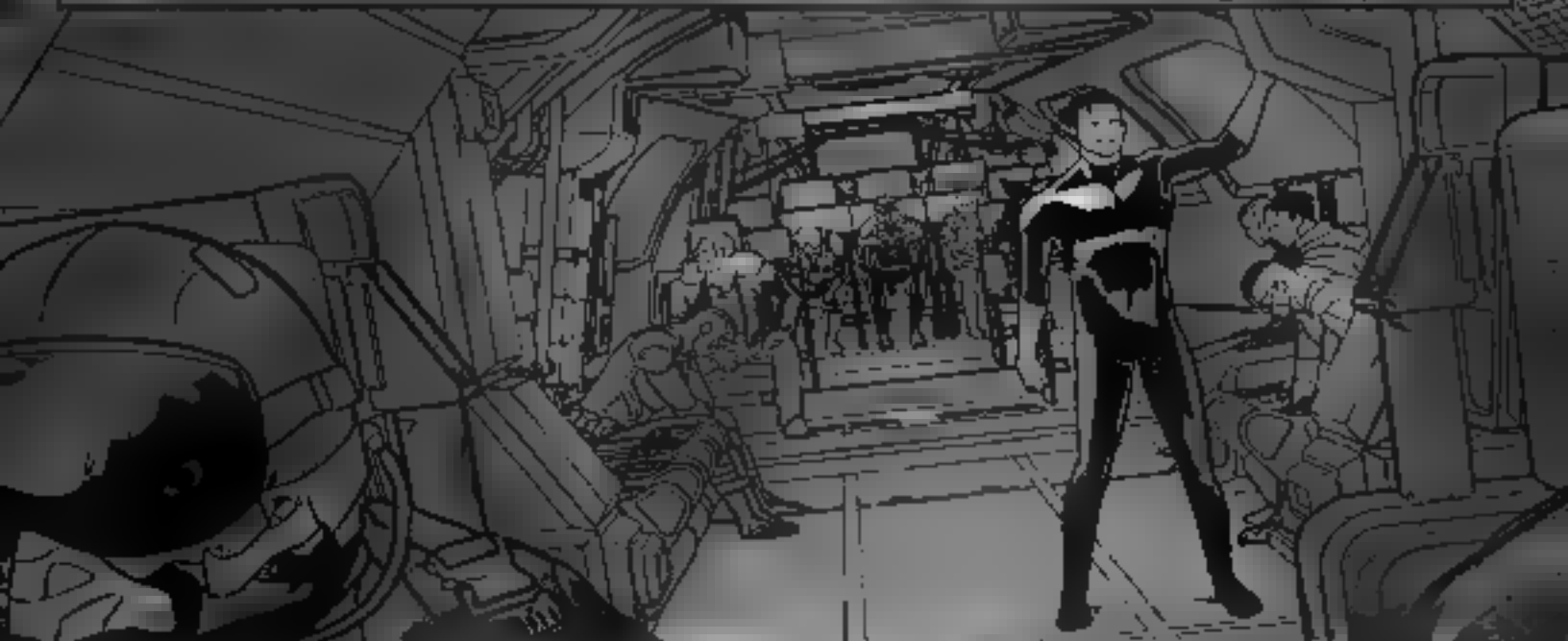
WHAT
WAS THIS?!

THERE HAS TO BE
ACCOUNTABILITY!









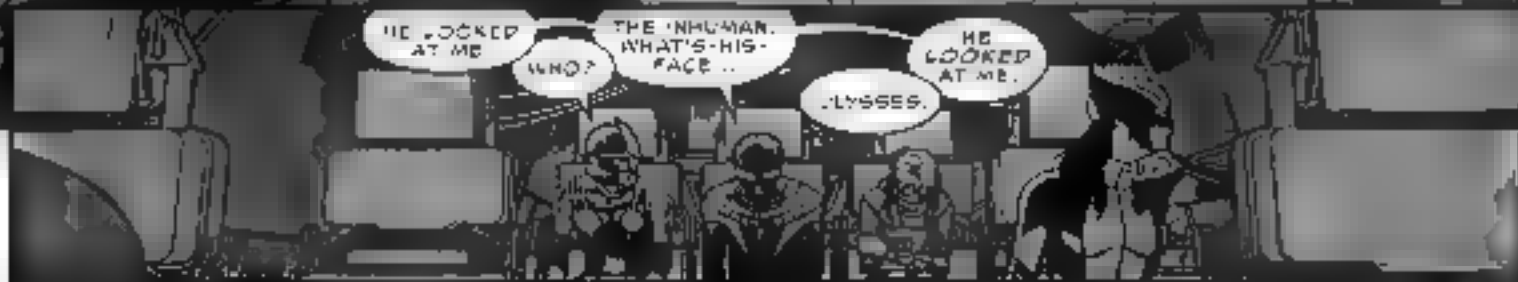
HE LOOKED
AT ME

WHO?

THE INHUMAN.
WHAT'S HIS
FACE ..

..LYSSES.

HE
LOOKED
AT ME.



WERE YOU
LOOKING AT
HIM?

YEAH.

WELL,
YOU'RE WEARING
A FULL-BODY
SPIDER-THEMED
UNITARD.

PEOPLE
ARE BOUND
TO STARE

DON'T
MAKE JOKES.
SAM.



SORRY.

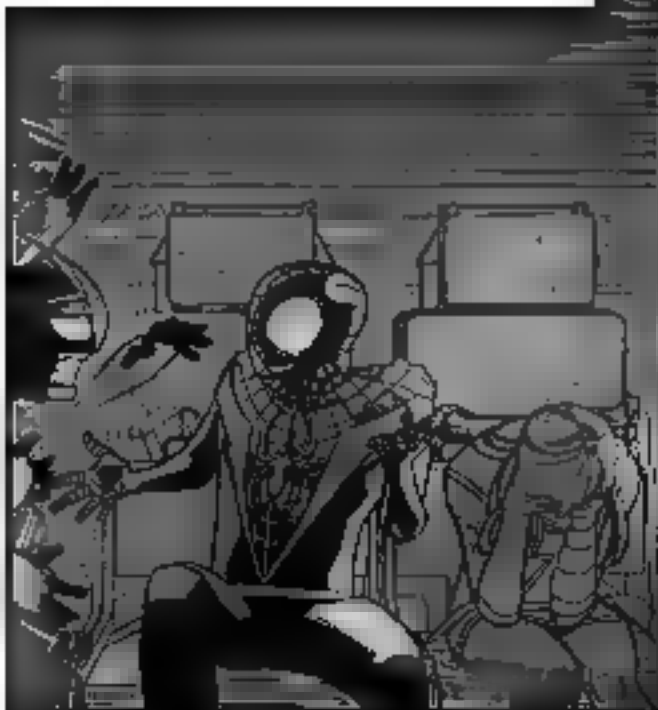
I'VE NEVER
SEEN ANYTHING
LIKE THAT
BEFORE.

I
KNOW.



THAT WAS
REALLY HORRIBLE.
HOW--HOW COULD
SHE LET THAT
HAPPEN?





IN A WAY...
IN A REALLY WEIRD, PERVERSE WAY...
I'M ALMOST GLAD IT HAPPENED.



JUST TO SHOW YOU ALL HOW SCREWED UP THIS ALL IS

THEY KILLED HIM!

A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE AVENGERS. DEAD.

A GENIUS.

AN ACTUAL, HONEST, TO-GOD GENIUS.

AND THAT'S NOT A WORD I TOSS AROUND.

AND THEY KILLED HIM, BECAUSE MAYBE...
BECAUSE MAYBE SOMETHING. WHO'S NEXT?





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